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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Otto E. Anderhub et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
)  
Serial No.: 10/720,668 ) Examiner: DAWSON, GLENN K  
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Filed: November 25, 2003 )  
)  
For: Forceps and Collection Assembly ) Confirmation No.: 6222  
and Related Methods of Use and )  
Manufacture )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, the Examiner requested election of one of the following allegedly distinct inventions for prosecution.

- I. Claims 1-65, drawn to a forceps device; and
- II. Claims 66-86, drawn to a method of fabricating a cutting device.

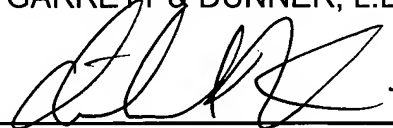
Without necessarily agreeing with any of the assertions set forth in the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute claims 1-65 allegedly drawn to a forceps device, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 66-86 in another application, for example, any claiming priority to this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 15, 2006

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